

A Proposal for a Phased Execution of the International Linear Collider Project

In March 2012, the Japan Association of High Energy Physicists (JAHEP) accepted the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Future Projects of High Energy Physics⁽¹⁾ and adopted them as JAHEP's basic strategy for future projects. In July 2012, a new particle consistent with a Higgs Boson was discovered at LHC, while in December 2012 the Technical Design Report of the International Linear Collider (ILC) will be completed by a worldwide collaboration.

On the basis of these developments and following the subcommittee's recommendation on ILC, JAHEP proposes that ILC be constructed in Japan as a global project with the agreement of and participation by the international community in the following scenario:

(1) Physics studies shall start with a precision study of the "Higgs Boson", and then evolve into studies of the top quark, "dark matter" particles, and Higgs self-couplings, by upgrading the accelerator. A more specific scenario is as follows:

- (A) A Higgs factory with a center-of-mass energy of approximately 250 GeV shall be constructed as a first phase.
- (B) The machine shall be upgraded in stages up to a center-of-mass energy of ~500 GeV, which is the baseline energy of the overall project.
- (C) Technical extendability to a 1 TeV region shall be secured.

(2) A guideline for contributions to the construction costs is that Japan covers 50% of the expenses (construction) of the overall project of a 500 GeV machine. The actual contributions, however, should be left to negotiations among the governments.

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Reference

- (1) http://www.jahep.org/office/doc/201202_hecsubc_report.pdf

The subcommittee's recommendations are attached in the next page.

Recommendations

The committee makes the following recommendations concerning large-scale projects, which comprise the core of future high energy physics research in Japan.

- **Should a new particle such as a Higgs boson with a mass below approximately 1 TeV be confirmed at LHC, Japan should take the leadership role in an early realization of an e^+e^- linear collider.** In particular, if the particle is light, experiments at low collision energy should be started at the earliest possible time. In parallel, continuous studies on new physics should be pursued for both LHC and the upgraded LHC version. Should the energy scale of new particles/physics be higher, accelerator R&D should be strengthened in order to realize the necessary collision energy.
- **Should the neutrino mixing angle θ_{13} be confirmed as large, Japan should aim to realize a large-scale neutrino detector through international cooperation, accompanied by the necessary reinforcement of accelerator intensity, so allowing studies on CP symmetry through neutrino oscillations.** This new large-scale neutrino detector should have sufficient sensitivity to allow the search for proton decays, which would be direct evidence of Grand Unified Theories.

It is expected that the Committee on Future Projects, which includes the High Energy Physics Committee members as its core, should be able to swiftly and flexibly update the strategies for these key, large-scale projects according to newly obtained knowledge from LHC and other sources.

It is important to complete and start the SuperKEKB including the detector, as scheduled. Some of the medium/small scale projects currently under consideration have the implicit potential to develop into important research fields in the future, such as neutrino physics and as such, should be promoted in parallel to pursue new physics in various directions. Flavour physics experiments such as muon experiments at J-PARC, searches for dark matter and neutrinoless double beta decays or observations of CMB B-mode polarization and dark energy are considered as projects that have such potential.